

6. SAWYERS ARMS ROAD – PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND BUS STOP RELOCATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to the following (refer attached):
 - (a) The installation of two loading zones (goods vehicles only) on the north side of Sawyers Arms Road, opposite Lacebark Lane outside numbers 104-106.
 - (b) The installation of no stopping on the south side of Sawyers Arms Road, starting approximately 50 metres west of the Lacebark Lane intersection and continuing for 35 metres west.
 - (c) Relocation of the existing bus stop outside number 99 Sawyers Arms Road to a location outside number 1 Lacebark Lane.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. There is a business (Christchurch Steel Ltd) that receives deliveries of steel on large trucks. These trucks have nowhere to park before entering the business to make the pickup or delivery. The kerbside spaces are currently unrestricted and can be occupied for extended periods by staff from surrounding businesses. As such, trucks (particularly large vehicle carriers) and other delivery vehicles double park, which creates a road safety concern due to the high parking demand in the area. Drivers have also been using Lacebark lane, a private lane on the south side of Sawyers Arms Road, to park. This has caused disruption and general nuisance to the residents in Lacebark Lane.
3. The bend outside number 117 Sawyers Arms Road has poor sight distance for vehicles exiting from the properties on the south side of the road east of this bend. The kerbside parking on the bend is occupied for extended periods by staff from surrounding businesses. This adds to the poor visibility and causes many vehicles travelling west to cross the centre line as they negotiate this bend.
4. There have been issues with vehicles parking too close to Lacebark Lane. However, these issues do not meet criteria for the installation of a no stopping restriction. The resident at number 1 Lacebark Lane has agreed to the relocation of the bus stop to outside this property as an alternative.
5. This proposal has been discussed with the neighbouring businesses and residents and support has been forthcoming. Associated with this work will be the installation of edge lines through the varying width section of Sawyers Arms Road and the power pole in the centre of the footpath outside number 117 will be moved to the fence line.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Cost

6. Installation of signs, posts and markings is within existing budgets.

Legal

7. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended the Board resolve that:

- (a) A "loading zone (goods vehicles only) time limit 5 minutes" be created on the north side of Sawyers Arms Road, commencing at a point 80 metres from the centre of the Main North Railway corridor and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 8 metres.
- (b) A "loading zone (goods vehicles only) time limit 5 minutes" be created on the north side of Sawyers Arms Road, commencing at a point 96 metres from the centre of the Main North Railway corridor and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.
- (c) The bus stop be revoked on the south side of Sawyers Arms Road, commencing at a point 63 metres from the centre of the Main North Railway corridor and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.
- (d) A bus stop be installed on the south side of Sawyers Arms Road, commencing at a point 85.5 metres from the centre of the Main North Railway corridor and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 17.5 metres.
- (e) The stopping of vehicles be prohibited (at any time) on the south side of Sawyers Arms Road, commencing at a point 8 metres from the common property boundary of numbers 113/115 and extending in a westerly direction around the bend for a distance of 34.5 metres.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.